

REMARKS

Of original claims 1-18, claims 1-9 and 12-18 have been cancelled. New claims 19-28 have been added. Claims 10-11 and 19-28 are now pending.

Support for new claims 19-28 can be found in both the specification, as well as in originally filed claims 2-6, 8, 14, 17 and 18.

Restriction requirement

The Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to:

Group I: Claims 1-7 and 12-15 directed towards a recombinant microorganism delivering a trefoil peptide *in vivo*; or

Group II: Claim 8 directed towards a method for delivering a trefoil peptide to the GI tract; or

Group III: Claim 9 directed towards a method for the manufacture of an agent using a recombinant microorganism delivering a trefoil peptide; or

Group IV: Claims 10 and 11 direct towards a method of treatment of gastric or intestinal disorders by administering a recombinant microorganism.

Applicant elects to continue prosecution of Group IV, claims 10-11 in this application.

The non-elected claims 1-9 and 12-18 have been cancelled from this application. New claims 19-28 have been added. Applicant may prosecute the non-elected claims in one or more related patent applications.

Applicant does not believe that any fees are due at this time; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Howrey Simon Arnold & White, LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2508/13475.0002.PCUS00.

The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned should any further action be required for allowance.

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